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1. Prior to 23 March, heavy elements of the units in the Artillerie Kaserne in Eberswalde left the post by rail. On 23 March, the Artillerie Kaserne quartered an estimated 2,500 troops.
2. The aforementioned units returned between 23 and 30 March. On 2 April, the barracks installations were again occupied to capacity. The Artillerie Kaserne quartered about 4,300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, the Schuetzen Kaserne about 4,500 troops, and the cantonment on Breitscheid Strasse about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets.
3. The following shipments were detained at Eberswalde freight station:

On 28 March: 2 half-track vehicles, 5 armored personnel carriers, armored scout cars 1 large armored personnel carrier which mounted a 50-mm rear gun instead of two small tank guns and 24 x 120-mm mortars, each on one truck, 3 x 57-mm AT guns coupled to trucks, 4 tank trucks, 18 x 80-mm mortars, each three on a truck 6 trucks about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 7 x 57-mm AT guns coupled to trucks, and 20 x 35-mm AT guns coupled to trucks

On 29 March: 5 large armored personnel carriers with rear guns. 30 trucks with equipment and boxes and about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 4 trucks with a munition boxes.

On 29 March: 4 armored scout cars, 3 armored personnel carriers, 3 sidecar motorcycles, 2 field kitchens, 1 tank truck and 22 trucks with 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. All units marched from the railroad stations to the Artillerie Kaserne. During the night of 29 March, heavy noise of tanks was heard from the barracks installation. In the morning of 30 March, source noticed numerous imprints of tank tracks which led to the rear entrance of the Artillerie Kaserne.¹

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- 25X1 4. On 30 March, about 700 troops received training in the yard of the
25X1 Schuetzen Kaserne. [redacted]

[redacted] two hours
later, two other columns left the installation in the same direction. They
included 36 sidecar motorcycles, 9 light machine guns and 2 x 80-mm mortars
and 30 sidecar motorcycles, 8 light machine guns, 2 mortars and ammunition
truck [redacted]

- 25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] confirm the return of units of the 6th
Gds Mech Div from exercises of the division in the Mirow-Neuruppin area
and farther to the south. The shipment unloaded on 28 March is believed to
have included units of the 240th Gds Mort Regt, besides troops of the
17th Gds Mech Regt. The 240th Gds Mort Regt is thus considered confirmed
up to 28 March.

- 25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. According to the weapons, probably units of the 51st (?)
25X1 Mtrcl Regt of the Fourth Gds Mech Army. It appears that, according to

[redacted] the troops went to Justerbog [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] where they may have taken part as enemy group in an exercise
of the 10th Gds Tank Div. It is therefore believed that the tank unit of
the 6th Gds Mech Div entrained in Eberswalde on 29 March presumably went
to Templin for combat firing rather than Justerbog. [redacted] 25X1
Official records indicated that the elements of the above mentioned regiment
returned on 1 April [redacted] which was seen en route through
Satzkorn. [redacted]

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